

## GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Proposition H

(This proposition will appear on the ballot in the following form.)

**PROP H** **NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL REPAIR, SAFETY AND OVERCROWDING MEASURE.** To repair aging local high schools, improve student safety, and qualify for State matching funds, shall Grossmont Union High School District repair aging roofs, upgrade deteriorated plumbing, restrooms, electrical, technology, heating and cooling systems; improve fire safety and security systems; renovate outdated classrooms, science labs and school facilities; improve buildings and grounds for safety; and construct a new school; by issuing \$274,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with annual audits, citizen oversight, and all money benefiting our community.

This proposition requires approval by 55% of the voters.

**Full text of this proposition follows the arguments/rebuttals.**

### TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Grossmont Union High School District (the "District") on March 2, 2004, to authorize the sale of up to \$274,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in several series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.02795 per \$100 (\$27.95 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2004-05.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.02793 per \$100 (\$27.93 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2014-15.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.02795 per \$100 (\$27.95 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2004-05.

Based on these estimated tax rates, the average annual tax over the life of the bonds would be \$27.94 for \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Voters should note that these estimated tax rates are based on the *assessed value* of taxable property in the District as shown on the official tax roll of the county, *not* on the property's market value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Certain taxpayers may also be eligible to postpone the payment of taxes. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The estimates are based upon the District's projections and are not binding upon the District. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Terry Ryan

Dated: December 03, 2003

Superintendent, Grossmont Union High School District

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## COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

This proposition, if approved by 55% of the voters voting on the proposition, would authorize \$274,000,000 in general obligation bonds to be issued and sold on behalf of the Grossmont Union High School District. The issuance and sale of a bond by a school district is for the purpose of raising money for the district and represents a debt of the district. In exchange for the money received from the holder of the bond, the district promises to pay the holder a set amount of interest for a certain period of time, and to repay the loan on the expiration date.

The proceeds of these bonds of the Grossmont Union High School District would be used to repair aging roofs; upgrade deteriorated plumbing, restrooms, electrical, technology, heating and cooling systems; improve fire safety and security systems; renovate outdated classrooms, science labs and school facilities; improve buildings and grounds for safety; and construct a new school.

The interest rate on the bonds, which is established at the time of bond issuance, could not exceed 12% per annum. The final maturity date of the bonds could be no later than 25 years after the date of bonds issued pursuant to the Education Code, or no later than 40 years after the date of bonds issued pursuant to the Government Code. Principal and interest on the bonds would be paid by revenue derived from an annual tax levied upon the taxable property within the Grossmont Union High School District in an amount sufficient to pay the interest as it becomes due and to provide a sinking fund for payment of the principal on or before maturity.

Article XIII A of the California Constitution exempts from the one percent property tax rate limitation ad valorem taxes to pay the interest and redemption charges on any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, approved by 55% of the voters if (a) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds are used only for the purposes specified, (b) the district, by evaluating safety, class size reduction, and information technology, has approved a list of specific projects to be funded, (c) the district will conduct an annual, independent performance audit, and (d) the district will conduct an annual, independent financial audit. In order to be approved by 55% of the voters, state law further requires the governing board to establish an independent citizens' oversight committee. The District has made the ballot proposition subject to these requirements.

Approval of this proposition does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the Grossmont Union High School District that are the subject of these bonds will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this proposition. The district's proposal for the projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

A "yes" vote is a vote in favor of authorizing the issuance of the bonds.

A "no" vote is a vote against authorizing the issuance of the bonds.

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION H

Our neighborhood high schools have served generations of students well over the years. Today 24,447 students attend 16 schools/programs in various East County communities. But aging and deteriorated high school facilities are now threatening the local quality of education.

Don't let the outward appearance of the schools fool you. The school district maintains facilities responsibly, but most schools are now at least 30-50 years old; some are even older.

Roofs leak. Plumbing, sewers and restrooms are deteriorated. Emergency systems are old and defective. Classrooms and science labs need rehabilitation. Electrical systems are inadequate to handle today's education technology. Heating and ventilation systems are inefficient and costly. Deteriorated buildings and grounds are causing safety hazards.

Proposition H will rehabilitate aging schools and relieve overcrowding.

Proposition H will:

- Replace aging roofs
- Upgrade deteriorated plumbing, and restrooms
- Improve electrical capacity for safety and better access to technology
- Upgrade fire alarms, sprinklers and emergency safety systems
- Renovate old, outdated classrooms, science labs and libraries
- Replace inadequate heating and ventilation with energy efficient systems
- Upgrade school buildings and grounds for improved safety/security/utility
- Construct a new high school

All money raised by Proposition H will benefit local students and schools.

Passage of Proposition H will qualify the school district for \$120,000,000 in State matching funds. These funds will be given to other school districts if Proposition H does not pass.

Proposition H mandates proper fiscal controls and accountabilities. Annual performance and financial audits and an independent Citizens Oversight Committee are required by law to monitor expenditures and ensure all funds are spent properly.

Good schools protect property values and the resale value of homes in our community.

Please join parents, teachers, senior citizens, and business and community leaders throughout our community in voting YES on Proposition H.

DIANNE JACOB  
Supervisor, Second District  
San Diego County

WENDELL R. CUTTING  
District Chief of Staff to  
Congressman Duncan Hunter

JAMES R. DAVIS  
Police Chief  
City of El Cajon

JOE DREW  
Business Leader and  
63 Year Resident of East County

ROBIN BALLARIN  
Grossmont Union High School District/San Diego County  
Teacher of the Year 2003/2004

## **REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION H**

Homeowners understand the need to repair facilities 30 to 50 years old if not older; they make such repairs to their own homes. But they do not receive tax credits for those repairs; rather they prioritize existing income so that repairs can be made when necessary.

Some school districts, including Grossmont Union High School District feeder districts, prioritize their budgets and maintain facilities from existing revenues rather than ask for new taxes. Well-managed schools, not well-financed or good-looking schools, increase property values.

These old Grossmont Union High School District schools were on the verge of becoming just as old in 1997 when Lakeside voters were promised no new taxes if they stayed in the Grossmont district. At that time Lakeside was told that the schools were in good shape and that a bond would not be needed. Why is a bond needed now if one wasn't expected to be needed then?

A bond will qualify for, but not guarantee, state matching funds. Rejection of the bond will qualify for (not guarantee) state hardship money while allowing for possible matching funds in a future cycle – potentially providing more state revenue.

Although improvements funded by Proposition H would benefit local students, opposing Proposition H and keeping the promise to Lakeside of no new taxes will also benefit local students. We must set an example for our children that honesty and integrity are more important than convenience or monetary gain. This is a more important lesson than any chemistry or algebra lesson students could learn in school.

JOE NAIMAN  
Journalist

## **ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION H**

In 1997, when voters of the proposed Lakeside Unified School District were considering unification, Lakeside was promised "no new taxes" if Lakeside stayed in the Grossmont Union High School District. Proposition H violates that promise to Lakeside's taxpayers.

Although the Grossmont district's facilities have aged, the Lakeside Union School District facilities have aged just as much; yet the Lakeside district has not placed a bond on the ballot. What the high schools need is not a bond but rather the management its feeder districts have been providing.

If the Grossmont district cannot be trusted to keep its promise to Lakeside, it also cannot be trusted to ensure that the assessments will actually fulfill the district's needs. A citizen oversight committee will exist, but that committee will be appointed by the same Grossmont district which broke its promise to Lakeside. If promises can be dismissed by future circumstances, will the promises of Proposition H really be kept?

Using bond money rather than other revenues for construction and maintenance also allows those other revenues to be used for curricular waste. Shortly after the San Diego Unified School District passed its 1998 bond, the district implemented a third required year of science even though most students will never need that much science. The purpose of school is to ensure that students can function successfully after they complete their schooling; it is not to torture students or to pillage taxpayers. Will the Grossmont district also waste taxpayers' money and students' time with useless required classes at the expense of electives which could prepare many students for life after school?

Rejection of Proposition H does not prevent passage of a subsequent Grossmont bond measure once Lakeside has left the district. Please help keep the Grossmont district's promise to Lakeside and vote NO on Proposition H.

JOE NAIMAN  
Journalist

## **REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION H**

While we respect the right of our opponent to express his opinion, we strongly disagree with his Argument Against Proposition H.

Here are the facts:

FACT: Proposition H is about one thing – improving old, deteriorated, crowded high school facilities. By law, Proposition H money can only be spent on improving local high school facilities.

FACT: Many surrounding school districts have already passed local bonds to improve their schools. Grossmont Union High School District has not. Approval of Proposition H will qualify GUHSD for \$120,000,000 in State matching funds. These funds are only allocated to school districts that provide local matching monies achieved by passing a bond measure or through another local source.

FACT: Proposition H guarantees annual performance and financial audits and an independent Citizens Oversight Committee to control expenses and ensure funds are spent as voters intended.

FACT: Most of the schools are at least 40 years old. Delaying repairs will only cost more in the future. State law requires a specific plan for use of Proposition H funds. No Proposition H money can be used for salaries or General Fund purposes.

FACT: All funds raised by Proposition H are tax-deductible. Every dollar will benefit local schools and students.

Proposition H is a prudent, responsible measure supporting quality high school facilities for our community. Good schools are important for the health and safety of students and for protecting property values in our community.

Please vote YES on Proposition H – to fix local high schools.

STEVE HAIMAN  
Teacher and President  
Grossmont Teachers Association

DEANNA WEEKS  
President and CEO  
East County Economic Development Council

DANA QUITTNER  
Board Member, East County  
Economic Development Council

OMERO SUAREZ  
Chancellor  
Grossmont/Cuyamaca College

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Parent and Foothills Secondary Council PTA President

**EXHIBIT “A”  
BALLOT MEASURE  
(FULL TEXT)**

**Neighborhood School Repair, Safety and Overcrowding Measure.** To repair aging local high schools, improve student safety, and qualify for State matching funds, shall Grossmont Union High School District repair aging roofs, upgrade deteriorated plumbing, restrooms, electrical, technology, heating and cooling systems; improve fire safety and security systems; renovate outdated classrooms, science labs and school facilities; improve buildings and grounds for safety; and construct a new school; by issuing \$274,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with annual audits, citizen oversight, and all money benefiting our local community?

As required by the California Constitution, the proceeds from the sale of bonds will be used only to acquire or improve real property, and *not for any other purposes, including teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses.*

**Priority School Projects**

The District intends to complete the school projects described below, using a combination of bond proceeds and matching State funds. It is anticipated that bond proceeds will contribute \$274,000,000. Generating such dollars from these bond proceeds would qualify the District to receive approximately \$120,000,000 from matching State funds.

**The work done at the high schools in the District will include:**

**Grossmont High School**

- Replace aging roofs and deteriorated covered walkways
- Repair or replace aging plumbing systems
- Upgrade deteriorated restrooms
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Upgrade fire alarms, sprinkler, and public address systems for improved safety
- Repair and renovate academic classrooms including repainting, replacing deteriorated flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, and upgrading marker boards
- Add new academic classrooms to relieve overcrowding
- Expand and upgrade outdated science labs
- Renovate and expand library
- Remove asbestos and lead paint from buildings
- Upgrade deteriorated heating and air conditioning with energy efficient systems
- Upgrade building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting to improve safety and security
- Repair and renovate 75-year old multi-purpose and cafeteria facilities including ceilings, floors, walls, lighting and windows
- Repair or replace old drinking fountains
- Upgrade existing district offices for compliance with Federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements

**Helix Charter High School**

- Replace deteriorated roofs
- Upgrade aging covered walkways
- Upgrade electrical systems for safety
- Repair and renovate 50-year-old restrooms, plumbing and drinking fountains
- Replace aging portables with permanent academic classrooms
- Remove asbestos and lead paint from buildings
- Upgrade deteriorated heating and air conditioning with energy efficient systems
- Repair and renovate academic classrooms including repainting, replacing deteriorated flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, and upgrading marker boards
- Upgrade safety systems for compliance with State and Federal law
- Upgrade building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting to improve safety and security
- Repair and renovate 50-year old multi-purpose and cafeteria facilities including ceilings, floors, walls, lighting and windows

**El Cajon Valley High School**

- Replace aging roofs and deteriorated covered walkways

- Repair or replace aging plumbing systems
- Upgrade deteriorated restrooms
- Replace 20-30 year old portables with permanent academic classrooms as needed for enrollment growth
- Repair and renovate existing academic classrooms including repainting, replacing deteriorated flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, and upgrading marker boards
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Upgrade fire alarms, sprinkler, and public address systems for improved safety
- Remove asbestos and lead paint from buildings
- Renovate and expand library/career center
- Upgrade deteriorated heating and air conditioning with energy efficient systems
- Upgrade 48-year old building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting to improve safety and security
- Expand and upgrade science labs
- Upgrade safety systems for compliance with State and Federal law
- Repair and renovate 48-year old food service facilities

#### Mount Miguel High School

- Repair and renovate 46-year old academic classrooms including repainting, replacing deteriorated flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, and upgrading marker boards
- Replace aging roofs
- Repair and renovate deteriorated restrooms, plumbing and drinking fountains
- Upgrade deteriorated covered walkways
- Renovate/improve classrooms (delete)
- Remove asbestos and lead paint from buildings
- Upgrade fire alarms, sprinkler, and public address systems for improved safety
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Renovate and expand library
- Complete heating and air conditioning replacement with energy efficient systems
- Upgrade aging building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting to improve safety and security
- Upgrade safety systems for compliance with State and Federal law
- Provide furnishings and equipment from State matching funds to the extent permitted by State law
- Reconfigure school drop-off zones and parking lots to improve traffic and pedestrian safety
- Repair and renovate 46-year old multi-purpose and cafeteria facilities including ceilings, floors, walls, lighting and windows

#### El Capitan High School

- Replace aging roofs and deteriorated covered walkways
- Repair and renovate deteriorated academic classrooms including repainting, replacing flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, and upgrading marker boards
- Replace aging portables with permanent academic classrooms
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Repair or replace deteriorated plumbing systems and drinking fountains
- Renovate old restrooms
- Upgrade fire alarms, sprinkler, and public address systems for improved safety
- Upgrade heating and air conditioning with energy efficient systems
- Expand and upgrade science labs
- Remove asbestos and lead paint from buildings
- Upgrade 45-year old building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting to improve safety and security
- Upgrade safety systems for compliance with State and Federal law
- Provide furnishings and equipment from State matching funds to the extent permitted by State law
- Repair and renovate aging multi-purpose and cafeteria facilities including ceilings, floors, walls, lighting and windows



#### Granite Hills High School

- Replace 40-year old portables with permanent academic classrooms
- Repair and renovate existing deteriorated academic classrooms including repainting, replacing flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, and upgrading marker boards
- Complete air conditioning and heating upgrade with energy efficient systems
- Replace old roofs and covered walkways
- Repair, renovate or replace worn out restrooms, plumbing and drinking fountains
- Expand and upgrade science labs
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Upgrade fire and other safety systems including but not limited to fire alarm systems, public address systems, intercom and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements
- Remove asbestos and lead paint from buildings
- Expand and renovate library
- Upgrade deteriorated building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting to improve safety and security
- Provide furnishings and equipment from State matching funds to the extent permitted by State law
- Repair and renovate 43-year old food service facilities including flooring, ceilings, wall coverings, lighting and equipment, and add multi-purpose room for assembly and large group instruction

#### Monte Vista High School

- Replace old roofs and deteriorated covered walkways
- Repair and renovate 42-year old restrooms, plumbing and drinking fountains
- Repair and renovate existing deteriorated academic classrooms including repainting, replacing flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, and upgrading marker boards
- Add academic classrooms to relieve overcrowding
- Consolidate and upgrade outdated science classrooms
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Expand and renovate Library
- Upgrade fire and other safety systems including but not limited to fire alarm and sprinkler systems, public address systems, intercom and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements
- Repair and renovate aging multi-purpose and cafeteria facilities including ceilings, floors, walls, lighting and windows
- Remove asbestos and lead paint from buildings
- Upgrade heating and air conditioning with energy efficient systems
- Upgrade aging building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting to improve safety and security
- Reconfigure school drop-off zones and parking lots to improve traffic and pedestrian safety
- Provide furnishings and equipment from State matching funds to the extent permitted by State law

#### Santana High School

- Repair and renovate deteriorated academic classrooms including repainting, replacing flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, and upgrading marker boards
- Replace old roofs and covered walkways
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Remove asbestos and lead paint from buildings
- Renovate 40-year old restrooms, plumbing and drinking fountains
- Expand and upgrade science labs
- Renovate library
- Upgrade fire and other safety systems including but not limited to fire alarm systems, sprinklers public address systems, intercom and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements
- Upgrade heating and air conditioning with energy efficient systems
- Upgrade aging building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and

- installing energy efficient outdoor lighting to improve safety and security
- Provide furnishings and equipment from State matching funds to the extent permitted by State law
- Repair and renovate aging multi-purpose and cafeteria facilities including ceilings, floors, walls, lighting and windows

#### Valhalla High School

- Replace old aging roofs
- Renovate 30-year old restrooms, plumbing and drinking fountains
- Expand and upgrade science labs
- Repair and renovate existing deteriorated academic classrooms including repainting, replacing flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, and upgrading marker boards
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Remove lead paint from buildings
- Upgrade heating and air conditioning with energy efficient systems
- Upgrade deteriorated building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting to improve safety and security
- Upgrade fire alarms, sprinkler, and public address systems for improved safety
- Upgrade safety systems for compliance with State and Federal law
- Provide furnishings and equipment from State matching funds to the extent permitted by State law

#### West Hills High School

- Replace old roofs and covered walkways
- Upgrade fire and other safety systems including but not limited to fire alarm systems, sprinklers, public address systems, intercom and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Upgrade building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting to improve safety and security
- Upgrade site drainage, irrigation and storm systems for safety
- Provide furnishings and equipment from State matching funds to the extent permitted by State law

#### Steele Canyon High School

- Upgrade/expand infrastructure for classroom telecommunications systems
- Make the necessary improvements for compliance with Federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements
- Upgrade facilities for physical education instruction

#### Chaparral High School

- Repair and renovate existing deteriorated academic classrooms including repainting, replacing flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, upgrading marker boards and instructional supply storage
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Remove lead paint and asbestos from buildings
- Upgrade safety systems for compliance with State and Federal law
- Provide a covered eating area students and faculty

#### Viking Center

- Repair and renovate existing deteriorated academic classrooms including repainting, replacing flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, upgrading marker boards and instructional supply storage
- Repair or replace inefficient and old air conditioners and heaters with efficient systems
- Upgrade building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting, and fencing to improve safety and security
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology
- Upgrade safety systems for compliance with State and Federal law

#### Homestead/Frontier School

- Replace old deteriorated roofing
- Repair and renovate deteriorated academic classrooms and office space, including repainting, replacing flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, upgrading marker boards and instructional supply storage
- Upgrade safety systems for compliance with State and Federal law
- Upgrade building exteriors including repainting, replacing doors and windows, and installing energy efficient outdoor lighting, and fencing to improve safety and security

#### Work Training Center

- Replace old inefficient air conditioning and heating systems
- Repair or replace deteriorated roofing system
- Repair and renovate deteriorated academic classrooms and office space, including repainting, replacing flooring and ceiling, installing energy efficient lighting, and upgrading marker boards
- Increase and upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology

#### **Grossmont Adult School Including Foothills Adult**

##### **Reduce outstanding lease-purchase obligations of the District**

The Governing Board of the District has adopted the Long Range Facilities Master Plan for the Grossmont Union High School District, which includes a comprehensive list, identified as priorities 1, 2 and 3, of all projects that may also be accomplished with proceeds from this bond. The plan is on file at the District Office and may be amended from time to time by the Governing Board of the District as permitted by law.

The Governing Board of the District has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the foregoing list.

#### **Accountability Measures**

**The following accountability measures are above and beyond the requirements of current State law:**

##### **Performance Audit**

An annual, independent performance audit will be conducted to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the project list set forth above, as promised to the voters. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will make the audit available to the public.

##### **Financial Audit**

An annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be conducted until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects listed above, as promised to the voters. The audit will be made available to the public by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

##### **Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

The Governing Board of the District will appoint an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee within 60 days of the date that the Governing Board enters the elections results in its minutes. The purpose of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall be to receive and review copies of annual, public performance and financial audits, and to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall advise the public as to whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (2) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall convene to provide oversight for, but not limited to, both of the following:

- Ensuring that bond revenues are expended only for the purposes described above, as promised to the voters (see paragraph (2) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution).
- Ensuring that no bond revenues are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.

In furtherance of its purpose, the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee may engage in any of the following activities:

- Receiving and reviewing copies of the annual, independent performance audit;
- Receiving and reviewing copies of the annual, independent financial audit;
- Inspecting school facilities and grounds to ensure that bond revenues are expended as promised to the voters (see paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution).
- Receiving and reviewing copies of any deferred maintenance proposals or plans developed by the District.
- Reviewing efforts by the District to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
  - ☐ Mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of (a) professional fees and (b) site preparation;
  - ☐ Recommendations regarding (a) the joint use of core facilities and (b) the use of cost-effective and efficient reusable facility plans; and
  - ☐ Mechanisms designed to reduce costs by incorporating efficiencies in school site design.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall review and comment on bond measure expenditure plans, bond measure-related staffing and consultants, and General Fund major maintenance plans prior to any action by the Governing Board on bond-related issues. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall also oversee the implementation of the major maintenance plan described below.

The District shall, without expending bond funds, provide the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee with any necessary technical assistance and shall provide administrative assistance in furtherance of its purpose and sufficient resources to publicize the conclusions of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

All Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee proceedings shall be open to the public and notice to the public shall be provided in the same manner as the proceedings of the Governing Board of the District.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall issue regular reports on the results of its activities. A report shall be issued at least once a year. Minutes of the proceedings of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and all documents received and reports issued by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall be a matter of public record and be made available on the District's internet web site.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members to serve for a term of two (2) years without compensation and for no more than two (2) consecutive terms. It is the intention of the Governing Board of the District that such committee shall include among its members construction, finance or other qualified professionals who shall constitute majority of the membership of such committee. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall, however, include the following members:

- One member shall be active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District;
- One member shall be active in a senior citizen's organization;
- One member shall be active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization;
- One member shall be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District;
- One member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the Parent Teacher Association or a school site council.

No employee or official of the District shall be appointed to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. No vendor, contractor, or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

#### **Maintenance Plan**

The Governing Board of the District shall adopt a short term plan to eliminate existing deferred maintenance, if any, using general fund revenues and, if necessary, bond revenues to the minimum extent practicable. The Governing Board shall also adopt an ongoing maintenance plan to ensure that maintenance of both new and renovated facilities does not become deferred once the existing backlog of deferred maintenance has been eliminated.

#### **Joint Use of Facilities**

The District will pursue all practical opportunities to expand community joint use facilities in every new or expanded school construction project. In pursuing joint use, the District's goal will be to maximize the use of school district facilities to the broader community, without adversely impacting school operations or finances.